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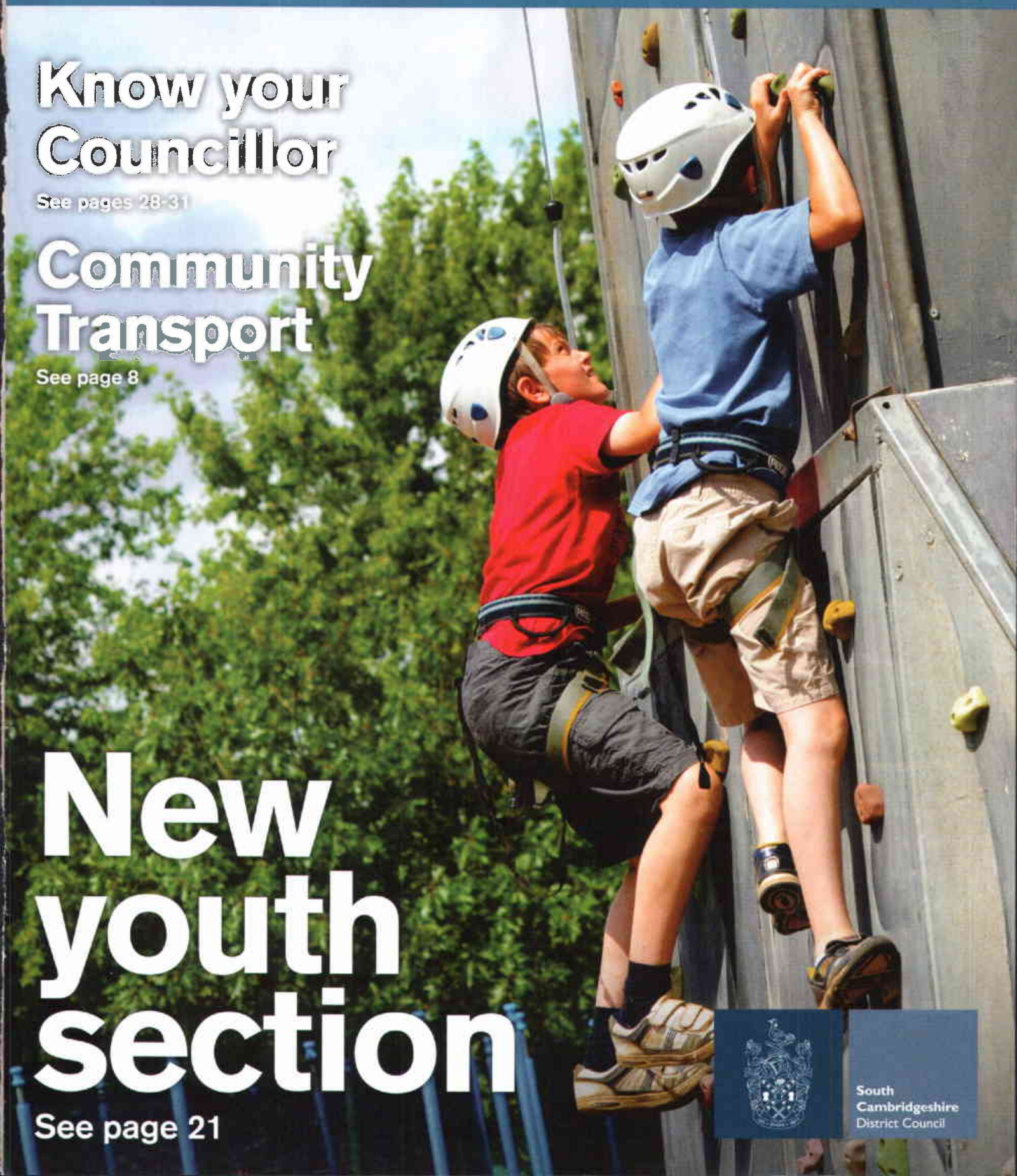

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Welcome to the summer issue of *South Cambs magazine.*

In this issue we introduce you to your councillors, see pages 28-31 for up to date information following the local elections that were held in May.

We're looking for young people who live in South Cambridgeshire who would be interested in writing a piece for the magazine – see page 21 for more.

Plus, there are all the usual features such as bin collection dates (page 24), an Olympics update and tenants' news.

Cllr Ray Manning, Leader,
South Cambridgeshire District Council

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There are several ways in which you can make a payment to SCDC. We encourage payments by direct debit or by credit or debit card. The card service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

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Our Vision:
- We will make South Cambridgeshire a safe and healthy place where residents are proud to live and where there will be opportunities for employment, enterprise and world-leading innovation.
- We will be a listening council, providing a voice for rural life and first-class services accessible to all.

Tell us how we're doing
At SCDC we're proud of what we are trying to achieve and recognise we can always do better. To further improve our services, we would appreciate your feedback, either by telling us when we have performed particularly well, or informing us when you have not been satisfied. You can do this in a number of ways:

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Community Pride and Village Hero Awards 2011

Following the success of the first awards last year, this autumn SCDC will be inviting a number of parish councils and village heroes to attend an awards ceremony to celebrate the excellent work that parish councils do, and pay tribute to residents who have made a significant contribution to their local community.

All parish councils have been invited to enter the Community Pride Awards to showcase their work and also to nominate one local resident for a Village Hero Award. Winners will be announced in a future issue of the magazine.

The awards ceremony will be held in the autumn, hopefully alongside presentations for SCDC's long-running Best Kept Garden Competition for council tenants.

Pictured are the winning Village Hero for 2010 Mr Tom Eaton from Longstanton and Caldecote Parish Council who won top prize in the 2010 Community Pride Awards.

• ABOVE **Community Pride Award winners Caldecote Parish Council**
• LEFT **Village Hero - Tom Eaton of Longstanton**

Rampton Drift Demonstrator Project

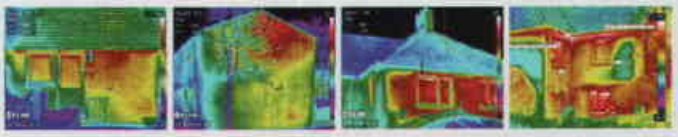
Much progress has been made since the Spring issue with 13 householders now committed to taking part in the project

We've appointed PRP Architects as our design team and they'll be coming up with what's best suited to each household to help them get maximum energy efficiency. This includes things like loft and cavity insulation, solar hot water systems and photovoltaic panels to name but a few.

Also on board is ACCE Solutions (linked to Cambridge University Engineering Department), who have been helping to monitor the energy each house uses before the project starts. They'll then continue monitoring how much energy is used after the work is finished, for two years, with the aim of demonstrating the benefits of these new systems and technologies.

As part of the survey work carried out, we took some thermal images. Many of the houses involved had cavity wall insulation fitted many years ago and the pictures show just how little of the insulation remains in place. The red and yellow areas show where the houses are losing the most heat, really showing how important it is to make sure homes are well insulated.

• LEFT **the residents involved in the project**
• BELOW **thermal images**



To find out more visit Facebook and search 'Rampton Drift' or email tracy.mann@scambs.gov.uk

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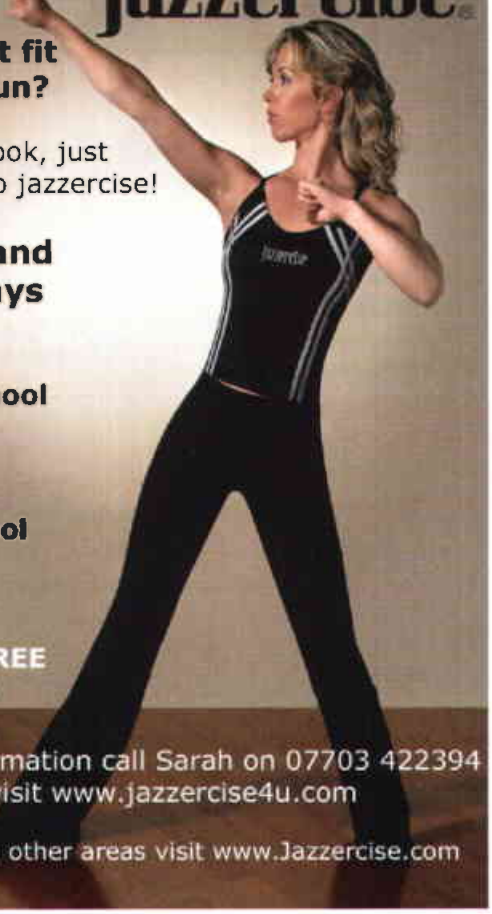

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Police give summer burglary warning

Residents are urged to check the security of garden outbuildings as the weather warms up

A rise in thefts from sheds, garages and gardens is often seen as people spend more time outside. Items that are targeted can include high spec and ride-on mowers or expensive power tools.

Crime prevention tips:

- Secure sheds and outbuildings with strong locks
- Ideally, secure tools and equipment with a strong chain, or better still use a secure storage unit within the shed
- Shed alarms are recommended. Simple devices are available at DIY stores
- Ensure that fences or hedges are in a good state
- Plant prickly or thorny shrubs beside fences and walls to increase security
- Garden gates should be the same height and as strong as your fence or wall. Fit strong locks such as a padlock or press bolt on the inside of the gate
- Movement sensitive lights are recommended for the rear of a property
- Ladders should be locked away or securely chained and padlocked to a strong post or wall
- Consider using gravel for paths on driveways and under windows and doors as it is loud underfoot
- If you have a burglar alarm fitted consider extending it to cover outbuildings and sheds
- Valuable items such as power tools, machinery and garden statues can be registered for free on the Immobilise website www.immobilise.com

If you would like more information and advice regarding home and shed security visit: www.crimereduction.gov.uk or contact Cambridgeshire Police Community Safety Unit 0345 456 4564

Neighbourhood panels

Neighbourhood panels provide an opportunity for you to come together with the police, district and county council to discuss community safety issues. They are your opportunity to inform us of any concerns or issues you have and help shape the priorities for your area. All panels start at 7.30pm with an informal meet and greet from 7pm (unless otherwise stated).

Bassingbourn / Melbourn panel (covering Bassingbourn, The Mordens, Melbourn, Meldreth and Fowlmere & Foxton wards)
- Tuesday 19 July, Bassingbourn Village College

Comberton Panel (covering Bourn, Caldecote, Barton, Comberton and Hardwick wards)
- Wednesday 24 August, Cambourne Church

Gamlingay Panel (covering Gamlingay, Orwell & Barrington, Haslingfield & The Eversdens and Harston & Hauxton wards)
- Thursday 14 July, Haslingfield Village Hall

Histon Panel (covering Histon & Impington, Waterbeach, Milton and Cottenham wards)
- Tuesday 12 July, Cottenham Village College

Linton Panel (covering the Wilbrahams, Teversham, Fulbourn, Linton and Balsham wards)
- Tuesday 21 June, Fulbourn Centre

Sawston Panel (covering Sawston, Duxford, Whittlesford, The Shelfords & Stapleford and The Abingtons wards)
- Monday 4 July, Sawston Village College

Swavesey Panel (covering Swavesey, Longstanton, Willingham & Over, Bar Hill, Girton and Papworth & Elsworth wards)
- Tuesday 23 August, Swavesey Village College

To find out which Neighbourhood Panel covers your village or for information about your neighbourhood policing team visit www.cambs.police.uk and go to the "My Neighbourhood" page or call 0345 456 456 4

Community Transport

What is Community Transport (CT)?
It's not the same as conventional public transport, it takes different forms (car, minibus, people-carriers) and can take you from door to door or link you into a bus or rail service.

Who is eligible to use CT services?
If public transport is not available or you cannot use it easily, you are eligible for CT - regardless of your age or mobility. Whether you want to get to a medical appointment, supermarket, or a friend's house. Under 16's must be accompanied by an adult. All drivers are insured and security checked.

What types of CT schemes exist?
SCDC is working with a number of CT services to ensure residents can travel where and when they want to, whether alone or in a group. Most schemes operate a pay per mile charge, except for Cambridge Dial-A-Ride, which operates set fares.

- **Map 1 - community car schemes**
  Some community car schemes cover a large area of South Cambridgeshire and are based outside the district – but this is just where transport is co-ordinated. Where possible, they will send you a driver based in your village. The more local the driver, the cheaper the fare. You can take a door-to-door trip or travel to the local bus, rail or Park&Ride service.
- **Map 2 - scheduled and Dial-A-Ride services**
  There are three schemes operating Dial-A-Ride and semi-scheduled services. They use wheelchair accessible vehicles and can transport individuals or groups. Cambridge Dial-A-Ride will visit certain areas of the district on certain days at relatively short notice and group trips can be booked in advance for any day. Three Counties Transport operates a Dial-A-Ride service for villages in the South East of the district, taking people into Haverhill on Mondays. Papworth Everard Community Transport Service offers individual transport and trips into local towns on market days.

Want to help?
If you're a driver with a car and regularly have spare time, you can register to provide transport for local people. You'd receive a small contribution towards your costs. If you don't drive you could help manage a scheme or coordinate journeys. Contact schemes directly or the Care Network, 07914 201547, jane.h@care-network.org.uk

"It was wonderful. I hadn't been to Cambridge for ages and Dial-A-Ride gave me the confidence to go into the City again. I didn't realise they would come right to my door...I can't praise the service enough, now I'm telling everyone about it." Meldreth Resident

'Shopmobility' - scooters, wheelchairs and walking aids exist in Cambridge Grafton Centre - 01223 461858, Grand Arcade - 01223 457452 and in Haverhill - 01440 712028

Did you know...

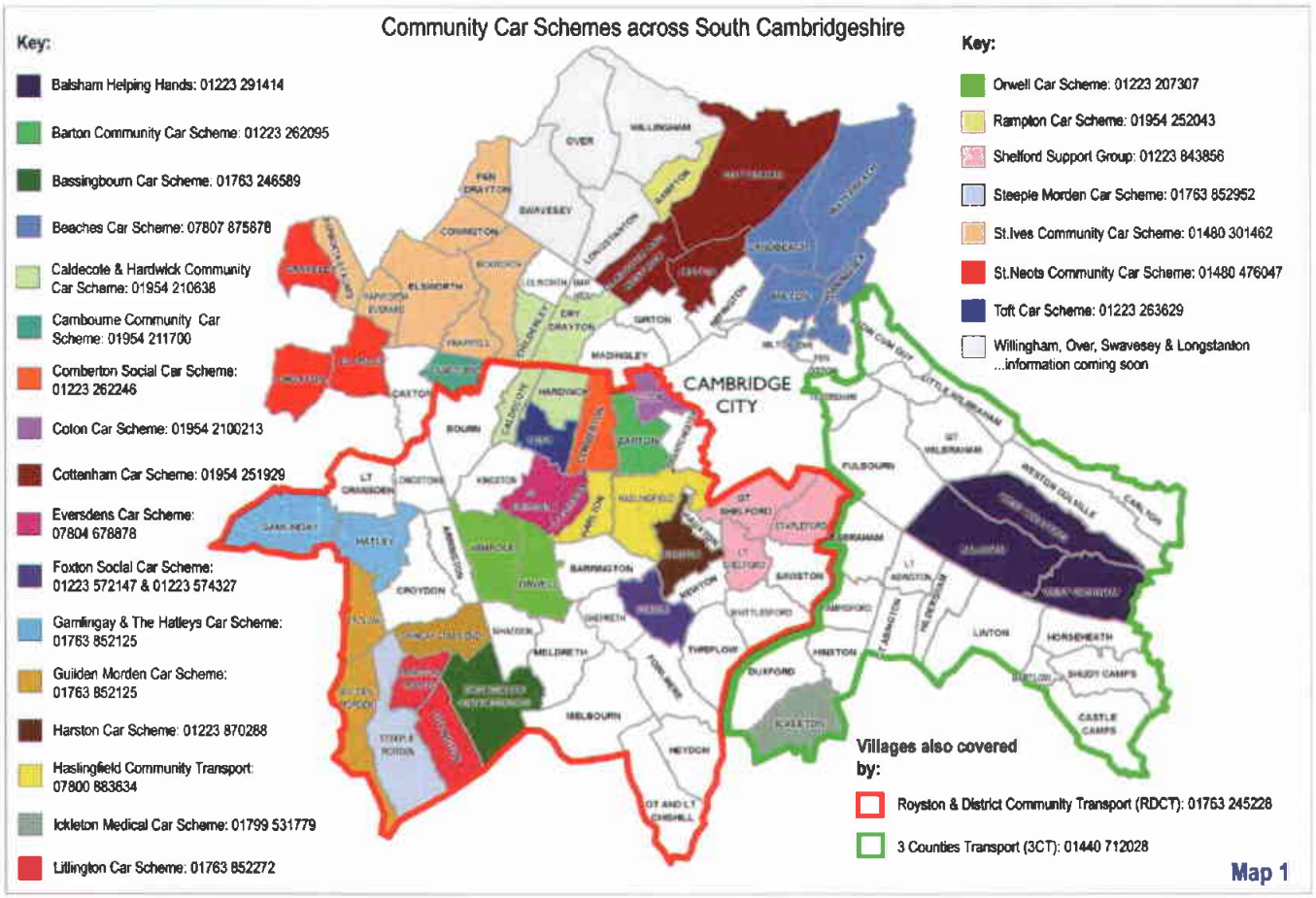
...The Cambridgeshire Minibus Brokerage Scheme (CaMBS) is a vehicle-sharing scheme providing wheelchair accessible and affordable minibuses. CaMBS has over 50 minibuses registered for hire and can supply drivers or groups can use their own (subject to training).
Whether you need transport, have a vehicle to offer for hire or wish to register contact the CT Officer at Cambridgeshire County Council, 0345 045 1151, community.transport@cambridgeshire.gov.uk or visit **www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/transport/around/communitytransport/Cambridgeshire+Minibus+Brokerage+Scheme.htm**

New

Anyone with a bus pass using Dial-A-Ride services in South Cambridgeshire will receive a 50% discount on the fare

Leaflets containing this information are available from the SCDC Partnerships Officer for distribution in your village, at your club, GP surgery or local shop. Contact us if you would like copies 01954 713290

Community Car Schemes across South Cambridgeshire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Barton Community Car Scheme: 01223 262095
Bassingbourn Car Scheme: 01763 246589
Beaches Car Scheme: 07807 875878
Caldecote & Hardwick Community Car Scheme: 01954 210638
Cambourne Community Car Scheme: 01954 211700
Comberton Social Car Scheme: 01223 262246
Coton Car Scheme: 01954 2100213
Cottenham Car Scheme: 01954 251929
Eversdens Car Scheme: 07804 678878
Foxton Social Car Scheme: 01223 572147 & 01223 574327
Gamlingay & The Hatleys Car Scheme: 01763 852125
Guilden Morden Car Scheme: 01763 852125
Harston Car Scheme: 01223 870288
Haslingfield Community Transport: 07800 883634
Ickleton Medical Car Scheme: 01799 531779
Litlington Car Scheme: 01763 852272
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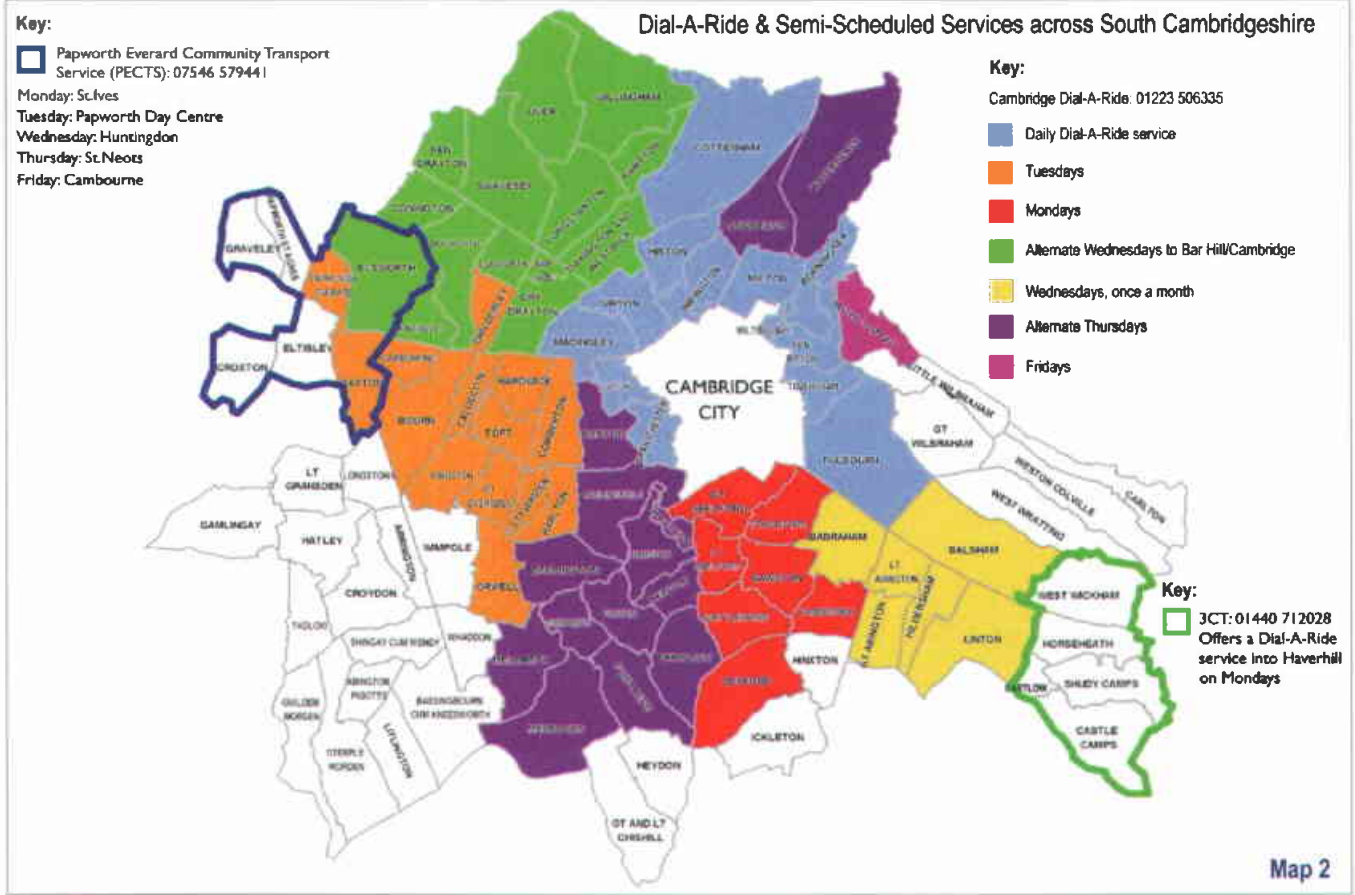
Rampton Car Scheme: 01954 252043
Shelford Support Group: 01223 843856
Steeple Morden Car Scheme: 01763 852952
St.Ives Community Car Scheme: 01480 301462
St.Neots Community Car Scheme: 01480 476047
Toft Car Scheme: 01223 263629
Willingham, Over, Swavesey & Longstanton ...information coming soon
Villages also covered by:
Royston & District Community Transport (RDCT): 01763 245228
3 Counties Transport (3CT): 01440 712028

Map 1

Call your local schemes now to find out more!

Dial-A-Ride & Semi-Scheduled Services across South Cambridgeshire



Map 2

Planning and New Communities grants

Grants are available to help improve our villages and communities

Capital grants (for buildings and equipment)

Community Facility

Specifically available for community buildings:

- New village halls or community centres
- Improvements to existing halls and other community buildings
- Providing disabled access
- Providing community mini buses
- Improving village hall car parks
- Providing youth buildings / 'drop-in' centres

Community Play Area

For smaller villages, grants are available towards safety surfacing, new play areas or for improvements / new equipment for existing areas. To qualify the village must have a population of 2,000 or less.

Village Sports Facility

Aimed at improving the facilities for sports within South Cambridgeshire, including:

- Building new pavilions, changing facilities, multi-use games areas (MUGA's), tennis courts and recreation areas
- Making improvements to existing sports facilities
- Providing disabled access
- Improving car parking
- Purchasing and improvements to recreational land

Youth Sports Initiatives

Aimed at casual sport and recreation facilities that are mainly for young people aged 12 and over. Projects may include:

- MUGA's
- Skate boarding parks
- Roller blading parks
- BMX bike ramps
- Kickwalls
- Single basketball posts

Cllr Nightingale and Cllr Mason testing equipment at an outdoor gym launch at Histon and Impington recreation ground

Arts

For projects from organisations involved in the following:

- Artists working in public spaces
- Building new and refurbishing existing arts facilities
- Equipment including lighting, sound and musical instruments

Revenue grants (for projects, people and activities)

Community Development

Projects should meet local needs, involve and empower local people, ensure equality of access and be sustainable. Funding is available for a wide range of activities, including projects aimed at young people, community transport projects, community-led plans, health improvement projects and capacity-building initiatives.

For more information or how to apply contact Joseph Minutolo, 03450 450500, joseph.minutolo@scambs.gov.uk

Wildlife Enhancement Scheme

A 50% grant assistance is available to projects supporting special activities that conserve, enhance, restore or create habitats or features that sustain our biodiversity.

For example, this could include the creation of a wildlife pond, notice boards to provide information on a conservation area or putting up bat and bird boxes. Community orchards will be given priority support.

See www.scambs.gov.uk/Environment/Conservation/WildlifeAndEcology/wes.htm for more information

Embrace the Future

With natural energy resources fast running out, we have no alternative but to look to new greener, renewable alternatives.

The Climate Change Act of 2008 set a legally binding target to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by at least 34% by 2020 and 80% by 2050. Demanding targets like these will only be achieved if small scale renewable technologies are embraced by home owners and businesses alike reducing their energy /carbon footprint.

Last year, the Feed in Tariff (FiT) was introduced by the Government. This is a scheme which incentivises householders to generate their own electricity from renewable energy sources.

Beechdale Energy, based in the west Cambridgeshire village of Kingston, are accredited Renewable Energy Technology installers. They have been working closely with domestic, commercial and community groups creating bespoke solutions for Solar PV Panels (Photovoltaics) installations.

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>
> Mr & Mrs Russell who are part of the Histon & Impington village Eco Project.

- An average 2kW system costs from £8,000 and produces up to 1667kWh of electricity per year.
- Once the system has been installed and commissioned, the Feed in Tariff will pay 43.3p per kWh created by clean sunlight energy.
- The electricity generated is then used for free by the householder with the remaining amount supplied to The National Grid.
- The householder is paid for everything created, whether they use it themselves or not, and also receive an additional payment of 3p per kWh for 50% of the total that has been generated.
- The Feed in Tariff is guaranteed for 25 years and is linked to the Retail Price Index.
- The return on investment: typically 10% overall return, with likely savings of £150 per year on electricity bills.

Beechdale Energy in conjunction with sister company Beechdale Homes, have a wealth of experience in renewable installations. Providing a professional consultancy, design and installation service, Beechdale offer a free consultation and suitability evaluation. For all enquiries call **01223 264520** or email **info@beechdale-energy.co.uk**

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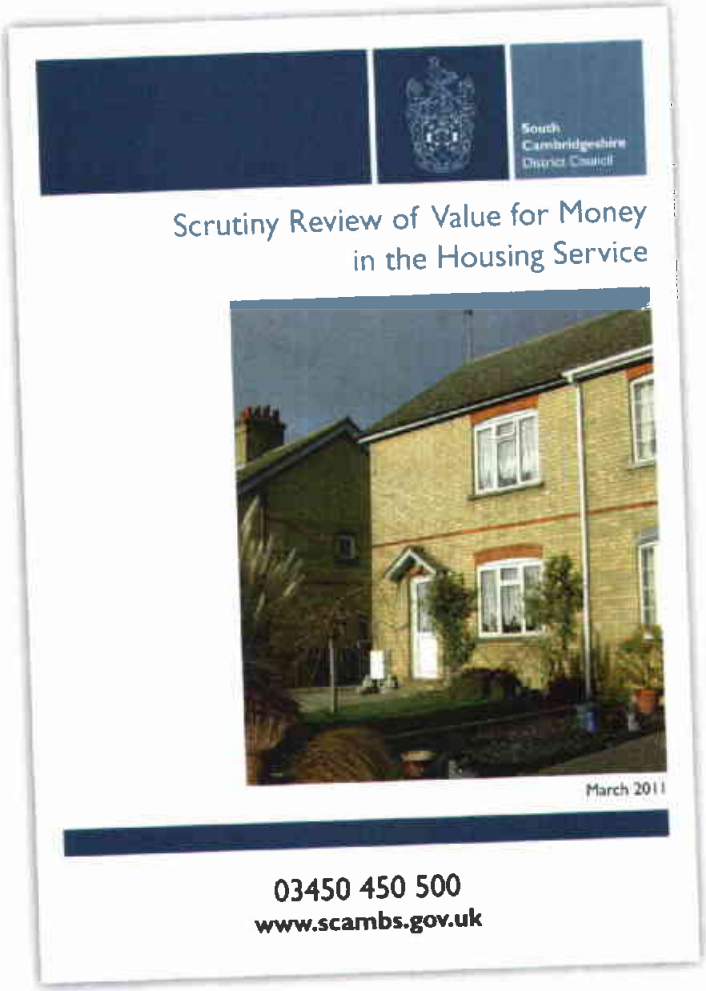
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March 2011
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Scrutiny Committee

SCDC's Scrutiny and Overview Committee chairman, Cllr James Hockney said, "We've had an excellent twelve months. We've looked at a wide range of areas and have made real recommendations that have already led to improvements in services for local residents.

"We have a number of ideas for scrutiny in 2011/12; including sheltered housing services and the impact of the Government's localism agenda. But there is plenty of scope to look at other local issues and we would really like to hear from residents to help choose suitable topics."

Our Scrutiny and Overview committee acts as the council watchdog, investigating concerns about council performance or any local services.

In the past year Scrutiny has reviewed community safety, customer service, council finances, planning, recycling and the value for money provided by our housing service. The results can be seen on our website www.scambs.gov.uk/scrutiny

Scrutiny is planning its work programme for 2011/12 and would welcome your suggestions and ideas. So please get in touch if you would like to suggest where the scrutiny committee should turn the spotlight next. They cannot look at individual cases, but would welcome suggestions on any wider issues that affect local quality of life.

Please email suggestions to scrutiny@scambs.gov.uk or ring Jackie Sayers, Scrutiny Officer on 01954 713451

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Top collection rates for South Cambridgeshire

In the Spring we found out the latest figures for our collection rates for council tax, business rates and housing rent. Thanks to you, we are among the best performers in England and our figures have gone up from last year:

2010 / 2011 collection rates
Council Tax 99.3%
Business Rates 99.6%
Housing Rent 98.7%

Any residents who have concerns over their payments are encouraged to get in touch with us as early as possible, contact 03450 450 500

Have you received outstanding service from SCDC?

We already welcome and publicise your compliments, but have now launched a scheme to recognise exceptional work by employees, and are keen to receive your nominations

Our 'Going the extra mile' scheme invites quarterly team and individual nominations for staff who have produced outstanding customer service, over and above the normal duties and responsibilities of their day jobs. We'll be judging nominations against five criteria: outcomes for customers, service quality, innovation and creativity, high performance and contribution towards our key aims for the district.

To make a nomination, all you have to do is fill in a short form on our website, or a postcard which you can access at our offices or receive in the post. Please visit **www.scambs.gov.uk/gems**

Quarterly winners will be judged by a group of staff representing all service areas. Winners receive a certificate and will be entered into an annual draw by the Chief Executive Jean Hunter at the Chairman's Christmas event. We'll make sure we notify you if your nominations are successful.

Chief Executive Jean Hunter said "This is a great opportunity for our staff to receive feedback and be thanked for their hard work and dedication. It's important to us that our residents receive the best customer service possible and where staff have exceeded expectations we'd like them to be recognised for it."

See page 4 for details on how to submit compliments, comments or complaints through our usual channels.

For more information on the scheme contact Rachael Fox, 01954 713017 rachael.fox@scambs.gov.uk

Dates for your diary

Come along to our meetings and see how decisions are made. All meetings are held at South Cambridgeshire Hall, Cambourne, unless listed otherwise.

Council - 2pm on Thursday 21 July
Cabinet - 2pm on Thursday 7 July
Scrutiny and Overview Committee - 7pm on Thursday 30 June and Tuesday 6 September 2011
Corporate Governance Committee - 9am on Friday 8 July 2011
Standards Committee - 10am on Wednesday 14 September 2011
Planning Committee - 2pm on Wednesdays 6 July, 3 August and 7 September 2011

Planning Enforcement Sub-Committee meetings will be called if and when required on Wednesday afternoon two weeks after Planning Committee meetings.

Other scheduled meetings open to the public

Climate Change Working Group, 10am on Tuesdays 5 July and 6 September 2011

Portfolio Holder meetings

Economic Development - NEW
Environmental Services
Finance and Staffing
Housing
Leader
Northstowe and New Communities - NEW
Policy and Performance
Sustainability, Planning and Climate Change - NEW

Portfolio Holder meeting dates will be confirmed as soon as possible and published on our website – www.scambs.gov.uk/meetings. Published meeting dates may have to be changed occasionally and extra meetings might be called: please refer to the website or phone Democratic Services on 03450 450 500 for up-to-date information.

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2011 Events

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Sat 2nd	Bomber Command - visit of wartime veterans 1pm - 4pm
Thu 21st	Scotsdales Summer Jazz Evening with complimentary wine and snacks 6pm - 8pm
Sat 23rd	Gardening Clinic 10am - 12pm with Peter Jackson

AUGUST

Thu 4th	Children's Gardening Club 'Bees, Butterflies & Bugs' 11am - 12pm
Sun 7th	Woodgreen at Scotsdales Pet Health checks 10.30am - 4.30pm. Phone for details
Thu 31st	Children's Gardening Club 'Plant a Tree & Spring Bulbs' 11am - 12pm

SEPTEMBER

Thu 1st	Johnny Walker Talk. Taylor's Bulbs – how to get the best out of your bulbs 7pm - 8pm
Thu 13th	Bird Talk BTO/RSPB TBA

OCTOBER

Thu 6th	Andy McIndoe 6.30pm - 7.30pm 'Autumn & Winter Colours in Your Garden'
Thu 22nd	Autumn Gardening Talk by Peter Jackson - prepare your garden for the winter months 7pm - 8pm
Thu 27th	Modern Fruit Growing Talk with Nick Dunn 7pm - 8pm

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Removal of 'Healthy' Protected Trees

The removal of apparently 'healthy' trees can often be an emotive subject, but it's one that SCDC deals with regularly

There are numerous diseases that may affect trees. Often the first external indication of the presence of decay is the sign of fungus whilst inside there may already be considerable damage to the cellular make-up. This can cause limbs or indeed the whole tree to fail – either of which are potential hazards to people and property. Occasionally a healthy tree which is protected may need to be removed, following an investigation, due to a conflict with structures. Last year, a failing tree was brought to our attention. The limb of the tree suddenly failed for no apparent reason.

Tree and Landscape Officer, Roz Richardson said "On inspection we discovered decay and a fungus at the base of the tree. An investigation using a Picus Sonic Tomograph (pictured) showed that 49% of the internal stem of the tree had already decayed. Unfortunately this tree had to come down immediately."

The removal of a protected tree is never taken lightly, but unfortunately sometimes the potential dangers overcome the desire to keep trees standing. We can insist that replacement trees be planted when protected trees are removed.

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Over the past five years, an incredible 10,000 trees and shrubs have been planted at Coton Countryside Reserve.

Following this success, SCDC is delighted to be providing funding to help plant even more.

Special trees, staking and meadow planting will be used to help create new woodland areas with trees and hedges. As Cambridgeshire was once famous for its fruit trees, the reserve will also be re-establishing traditional orchards in areas where so many have been lost.

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• Tree planting at Coton Reserve

If you wish to support the tree planting, donate or buy a gift token, please contact Cambridge Past, Present and Future at enquries@cambridgeppf.org

Tree tidy

Why not treat your trees to a quick tidy up? If trees and hedgerows have been planted in your local community in the last few years, it may be time to check how they're doing.

Tree ties help young trees to grow strongly and evenly, but as the tree gets bigger they may need adjusting or removing. If left, there is a chance that the tree will begin growing around the tie or even the post, which causes permanent damage. Whilst you're there why not check that the tree-stakes are nice and firm to stop the roots being damaged in high winds?

Examining the mulch around your hedges is a good way of checking how well they are doing. Removing all grasses and weeds during the establishment phase (the first five years) helps the hedge to grow. Once the hedgerow is thriving nicely, you might wish to add some colourful hedgerow flowers such as primrose, garlic mustard and hedge woundwort.

• A tree tie

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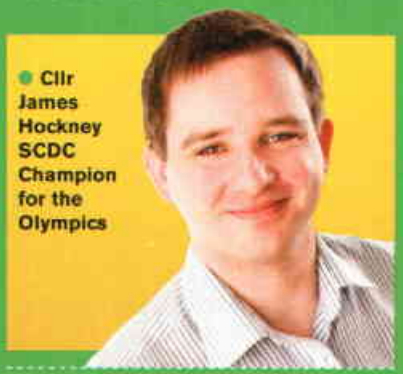
Welcome

...to the ninth of our London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games features.



• Cllr James Hockney SCDC Champion for the Olympics

"There is now just over a year to go until the games come to London. I hope you registered for tickets; I have my fingers crossed that I get the ones I want.

Why not start the summer by having a go at a new activity? Come along and see if there is something you enjoy at our one year countdown to the Olympics event at Milton Country Park on Sunday 24 July. We have lots of sports, arts and cultural activities for the whole family to enjoy in a safe and fun environment, and it's all free.

It's great to see the EnergiZe project starting this year in South Cambs, building on the excellent TEAM (To Energise And Motivate) courses that have been running.

Well done to the ladies from Melbourn on winning the adult friendly netball league. Why not try and get a team together for this year?

And finally I would like to wish Charlotte Cox the very best of luck for this summer."

• **Details of all events can be found at** www.scambs.gov.uk/London2012

Elite Athlete - Charlotte Cox

This issue we meet Charlotte...

"I first got interested in athletics when I watched my brother and sister run for Cambridge and Coleridge (C&C) athletics club. I asked if I could give it a go and I loved it. One of the coaches found me my first competition for athletes with learning disabilities, and since then I've never looked back.

"I train around seven hours a week and fit this into days and evenings when I'm not studying at college. I do both sprint and long jump training in preparation for the spring / summer season where I compete in competitions for C&C athletics, the Special Olympics or Disability Sport England.

"My greatest sporting achievements so far are winning four gold medals and setting four world records in the 100m, 200m, 400m and long jump at the Mexico World Championships for athletes with Down Syndrome. I also won a gold and two silver medals at the Special Olympics Summer Games, and was lucky enough to win the 2009 BBC East Disabled Sports Performer of the year award. I got to meet Stewart White which was great.

"It's my dream to compete in the Paralympics, and I'm hopeful that the Sprints will be in the Brazil 2016 games so that I can achieve my goals."

You can follow Charlotte's progress this summer at the International Association for Athletes with Downs Syndrome (IAADS) European Championships in Sardinia from 3-5 June 2011, and at the Special Olympics World Summer Games in Athens from 19 June-15 July 2011 via her website and blog: www.charlottecox.org.uk

EnergiZe helps children achieve a healthy weight

EnergiZe is a free 14 week programme for families with children aged 7–11 who are above their ideal weight

Each week families attend a two-hour workshop including interactive games, healthy eating and physical activity and they provide skills and knowledge to 'eat well, play better and have fun.'

Bill and Sally have just completed EnergiZe with their daughter May. They said "EnergiZe has helped our daughter and us as parents in the battle to understand weight gain and the importance of regular physical activity.

"It's enabled us to make informed choices about the types of foods we eat and encouraged us to fit regular activity into our busy lives instead of making excuses. We're enjoying being more active as a family, having more energy and feeling really happy about achieving individual goals. EnergiZe has been a well constructed programme to motivate the whole family and build good habits for life."

Programmes are starting near you soon. Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

For more information or to register contact Lisa Smith, 01480 418647, energize@nhs.net www.cambsenergize.nhs.uk

Paddleboarding

We've joined forces with The Fen Paddle Company to offer residents taster sessions in paddleboarding at Milton Country Park.

Paddleboarding involves paddling along the water standing on a large surfboard.

Sessions for adults and children will be available at 30-minute intervals (cost £5) between 10am – 1pm on the following dates:

- Saturday 30 July
- Saturday 6 August
- Saturday 20 August
- Saturday 27 August

You can try it for free at Park Life on Sunday 24 July.

To book one of the sessions contact Helen Stepney, 03540 450 500 or speak to us at Park Life

Park Life

Celebrate one year until London 2012 by joining us at our free family event at Milton Country Park, Sunday 24 July

Over 2,000 visitors enjoyed the sun and activities last year and an even bigger event is planned for this year.

There will be a host of sports to try including; bouncy castles, an assault course, a climbing wall, water sports, archery, athletics and much more. The Cambourne Bloco will perform with their newest puppets in the carnival parades and children of all ages can take part in arts and craft activities organised by stART.

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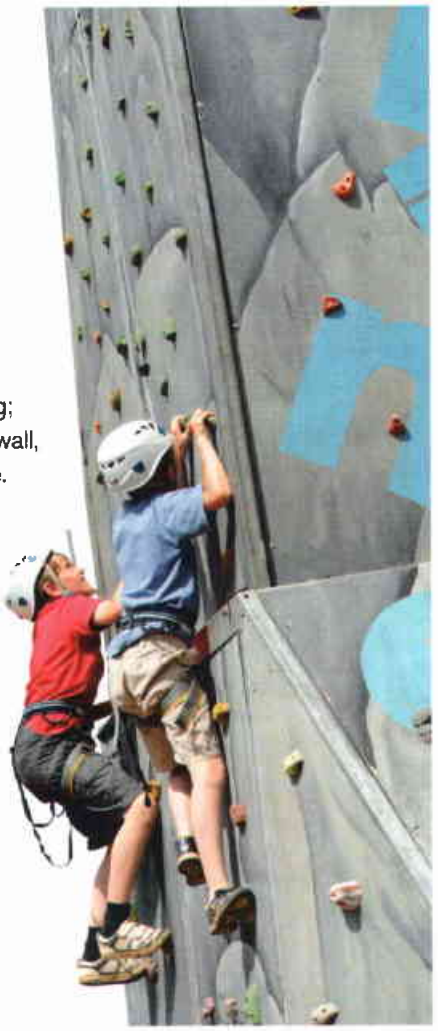

For more information visit www.scambs.gov.uk/London2012

Adult friendly netball league

Our 2010/11 league took place at Cottenham Village College from November to March. Monthly matches took place between:

Cambourne	Melbourn	Swifts (Melbourn)
Comberton	Sawston	Synergy (St Neots)
Histon	Stetchworth	The Bulls (Brampton)

Congratulations to all who took part. The winning team were the Swifts. The Bulls took 2nd place and Stetchworth were 3rd.

These teams are social groups of women who love playing netball and wanted to take part in competitions. They've been established through SCDC's Women Try Netball projects and England Netball "Back to" groups.

The winning team - Swifts from Melbourn

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We're also really keen to hear from young writers. Would you like to write a piece for your young people's page? On something that's going on in your area that you care about? It can be good or bad, or just something that really interests you – maybe what it's like being a young person living in South Cambridgeshire in 2011?

We're open to ideas so please let us know by completing and returning the slip at the end of this page and sending to Tracy Mann, South Cambs District Council, Cambourne, CB23 6EA. You can also contact Tracy, 01954 713342, tracy.mann@scambs.gov.uk or post your ideas on our Facebook page.

ideas for your magazine page:

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children and young peoples plan

Children and young people living in South Cambridgeshire now have the opportunity to have their say on our services thanks to the Children and Young People's Plan.

After a year of running workshops, youth forums, attending the Connections Youth Bus and working with schools, young people we spoke to made it clear that yes, they do want to have a voice. They came up with some great ways to get involved in council decisions that affect their local areas and lives.

Social media is just one way that young people will have a chance to have a say on everything from sports, arts and local facilities to tackling climate change, recycling and housing developments.

A big thank you to all the children and young people for their help, enthusiasm and invaluable feedback and advice.

You can see the plan at www.scambs.gov.uk/CommunityandLiving/YoungPeople or contact tracy.mann@scambs.gov.uk, 01954 713342

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- always note down the registration number of the vehicle used to take waste away and always get a receipt.

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Tuesday

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Cherry Hinton: north of the railway as Teversham

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Cherry Hinton: south of the railway as Fulbourn

Wednesday

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9 June	16 June	23 June	30 June	7 July	14 July	21 July	28 July	4 Aug	11 Aug	18 Aug	25 Aug	2 Sep	8 Sep	15 Sep	22 Sep	29 Sep	6 Oct
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Abington Pigotts, Arrington, Bassingbourn, Bourn, Croydon, Gamlingay, Guilden Morden, Hatley, Litlington, Longstowe, Lt Gransden, Shingay-cum-Wendy, Steeple Morden, Tadlow

9 June	16 June	23 June	30 June	7 July	14 July	21 July	28 July	4 Aug	11 Aug	18 Aug	25 Aug	2 Sep	8 Sep	15 Sep	22 Sep	29 Sep	6 Oct
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Barton, Foxton, Grantchester, Gt Eversden, Harlton, Haslingfield, Kingston, Lt Eversden, Newton, Orwell, Shepreth, Thriplow & Heathfield, Whittlesford, Whaddon, Wimpole

10 June	17 June	24 June	1 July	8 July	15 July	22 July	29 July	5 Aug	12 Aug	19 Aug	26 Aug	3 Sep	9 Sep	16 Sep	23 Sep	30 Sep	7 Oct
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Barrington, Caldecote, Duxford, Fowlmere, Gt Chishill, Heydon, Lt Chishill, Melbourn, Meldreth

10 June	17 June	24 June	1 July	8 July	15 July	22 July	29 July	5 Aug	12 Aug	19 Aug	26 Aug	3 Sep	9 Sep	16 Sep	23 Sep	30 Sep	7 Oct
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What goes where?

- Bins must be out by 7am on your designated day of collection
- Close lids firmly

Paper only caddy

Paper

Newspapers & magazines

Telephone directories

Catalogues

Envelopes (with or without windows)

Shredded paper*

Junk mail

Jiffy bags, wrapping paper, greeting cards, tissue, cardboard & kitchen paper

* Place shredded paper in an old envelope before placing in the paper only caddy

- Place the caddy inside your blue bin
- Excess blue bin material will be collected if placed alongside the blue bin in a returnable container
- Place items loosely in the blue bin and not in carrier bags
- Rinse items to remove any food contamination

Blue bin

Plastic bottles

Plastic bottle tops & triggers

Plastic packaging (pots, trays & tubs)

Plastic bags

Plastic film & clean food wrapping

Glass jars & bottles

Food & drinks cans

Aerosols

Tin foil & foil trays

Cartons (e.g Tetrapak)

Cardboard

Polystyrene
Pyrex, flat glass

Battery bag

Batteries inc. AA & AAA cells, button batteries, size C & D and any laptop & mobile battery

Lead acid batteries e.g. vehicle batteries

Green bin

Garden waste

Cooked/uncooked food waste (meat, fish & dairy)

Any type of cat litter
Cartons (e.g. Tetrapak) - put in blue bin
Turf and soil - due to its weight
Any type of plastic inc bags/sacks

Biodegradable bags (cornstarch, potato starch)
Corrugated cardboard - put in the blue bin
Cardboard - put in the blue bin

- Excess green bin material cannot be collected. Please compost it or take it to Milton or Thriplow Recycling Centre

Black bin

Non-recyclable / non-compostable material

- Please use your black bin for material that cannot be placed in green or blue bins
- Excess black bin material cannot be collected. Please take it to Milton or Thriplow Recycling Centres

For more information visit www.scambs.gov.uk/recycling or call 03450 450 063

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More ways to recycle in South Cambridgeshire

Following the introduction of the blue bin we have taken the opportunity to look at how recycling banks could compliment this scheme. We wanted to be able to offer residents the opportunity to recycle even more new materials.

As most residents are now using the blue bin scheme for glass, cans and cartons we have removed these banks to make space for new recycling banks at recycling areas. We have worked with parish councils and landowners to provide these new recycling opportunities and hope they will be well used.

What's new?

Media banks have been introduced to recycling areas and accept the following items:

- Books
- CD's
- DVD's
- Video tapes
- Cassettes

Locations:

- Bar Hill – Tesco car park
- Cambourne – Morrisons car park
- Fulbourn – Tesco car park
- Milton – Tesco car park
- Orchard Park – sports ground car park
- Papworth Everard – Pendrill Court
- Sawston – Budgens car park
- Willingham – Co-op car park

A small electrical items bank can now be found at the Tesco, Bar Hill recycling area and can be used to recycle:

- Hair dryers
- Straighteners
- Electric toothbrushes
- Kettles
- Toasters
- Coffee machines
- Drills
- Phones
- and much more...

Textile and shoe banks

Textile and shoe banks are located across South Cambridgeshire and accept a wider range of items than you may think:

- Clean and dry clothing
- Shoes
- Bags
- Belts
- Towels
- Blankets
- Duvet covers
- Sheets
- Curtains
- Fabric

Items which are not reusable such as fabric and worn out clothes can still be placed in the bank for recycling, just make sure they're clean and dry.

We're constantly improving our range of banks so visit www.scambs.gov.uk/recyclingsites to find out what's new at your local site

Next issue

Feedback from the full evaluation of the blue bin scheme will be published in the next edition of the South Cambs magazine, so watch this space.

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Political make-up
Conservative (CON) 31
Liberal Democrat (LD) 18
Independent (Group - IND) 6
Independent (Non-group - NG) 1
Labour (LAB) 1

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- major decisions, such as the budget, are made by Council
- Planning and Licensing Committees make decisions on planning and licensing applications respectively
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- Scrutiny and Overview Committee monitors and can challenge decisions made by Cabinet or portfolio holders; it also investigates issues of local concern and makes recommendations to Cabinet and Council for improvements
- the Leader is the political head of the Council and the Chairman is the civic head - both are elected by Council
- Cabinet portfolio holders are chosen by the leader the council.

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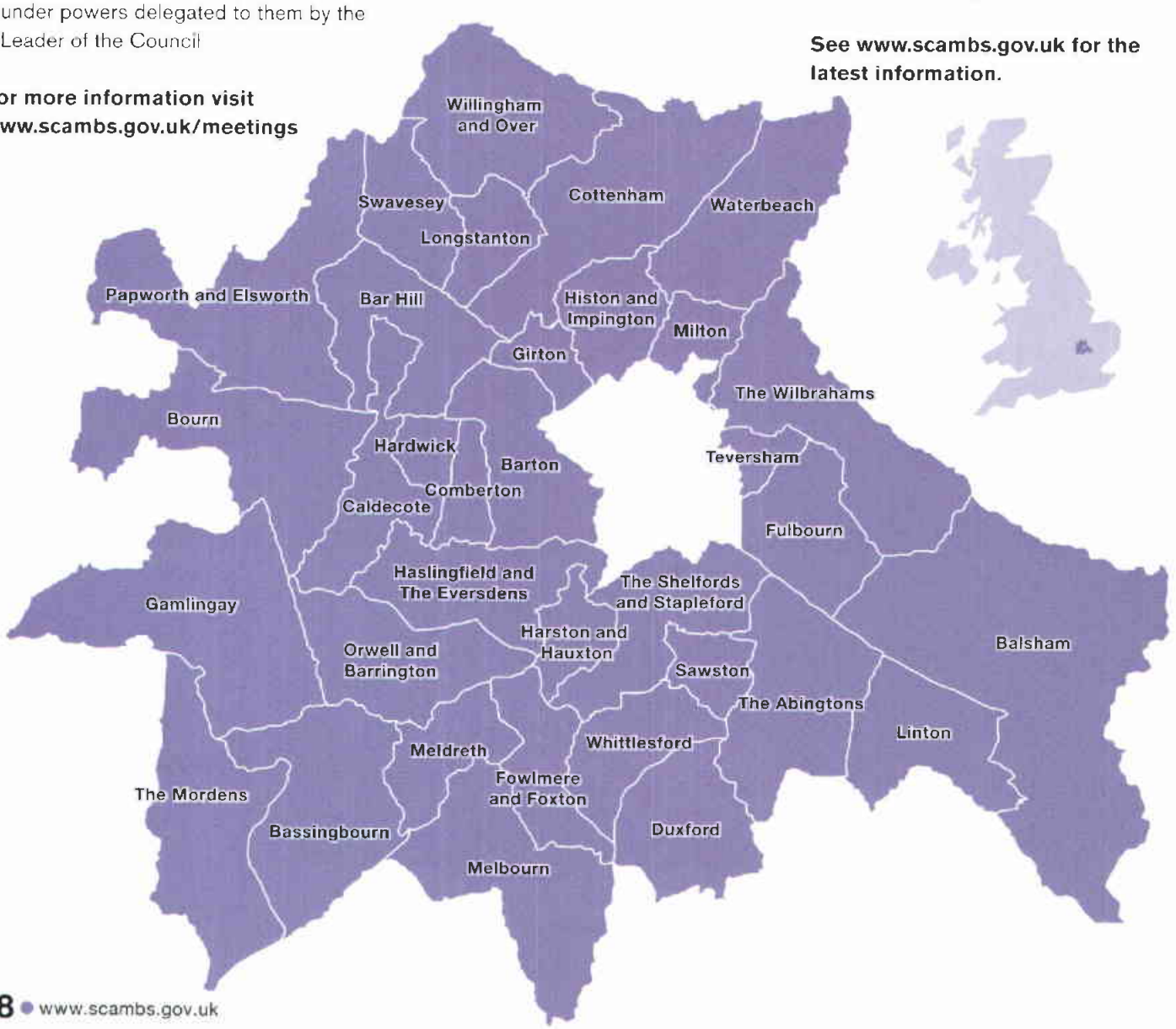

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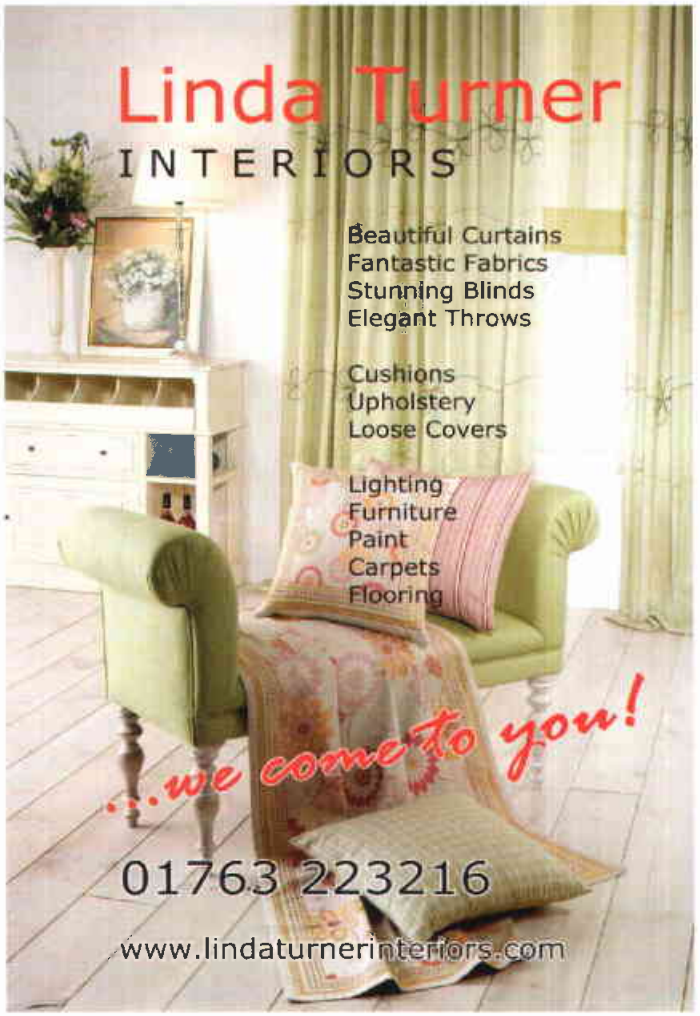

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New homes for Landbeach

Landbeach is to benefit from a rural housing development

In partnership with SCDC, Iceni Homes and Cambridgeshire County Council, Hundred Houses Society is to build eight two and three bedroom houses for local residents, or those with a strong connection to the village, who are in housing need. The properties are expected to be ready for occupation in March 2012.

The Cambridge based charitable housing association will own and manage the houses and let them at below the local market rent. Grant funding from the Homes and Communities Agency has been matched by private finance from Hundred Houses to complete the development.

Iceni Homes has been working with Cambs ACRE, SCDC and Landbeach Parish Council to ensure a 'Big Society' approach to the development. Rural housing schemes need to provide strong evidence of local housing need before planning permission for low cost housing is granted. A Housing Needs Survey was conducted by Cambs ACRE in 2009 to record the housing situation in Landbeach and the results demonstrated that there was a demand for a small rural housing development.

Iceni Homes approached the County to release redundant land and farm buildings at Walnut Farm, Landbeach. SCDC granted planning permission in August 2010 for eight houses for low cost rent and two houses for sale within the village boundary. Local developer, Hill Residential, is working with Iceni Homes and SCDC Building Control to build the houses, which started on site in January this year.

South Cambridgeshire gets a 'good' housing report from watchdog

The strategic housing service provided by South Cambridgeshire District Council is 'good' with 'promising prospects for improvement', according to an independent report published by the Audit Commission.

On a scale from zero to three stars, the Audit Commission team gave the service, which covers areas such as homelessness and affordable housing, a 'good' two-star rating. The report shows that the Council understands the local housing market and is committed to meeting the needs of both settled and travelling communities.

Our work in the prevention of homelessness, planning for housing, support for the provision of new affordable homes, the excellent choice based lettings scheme and housing support services which meet the needs of the most vulnerable have been highlighted as some of our key strengths.

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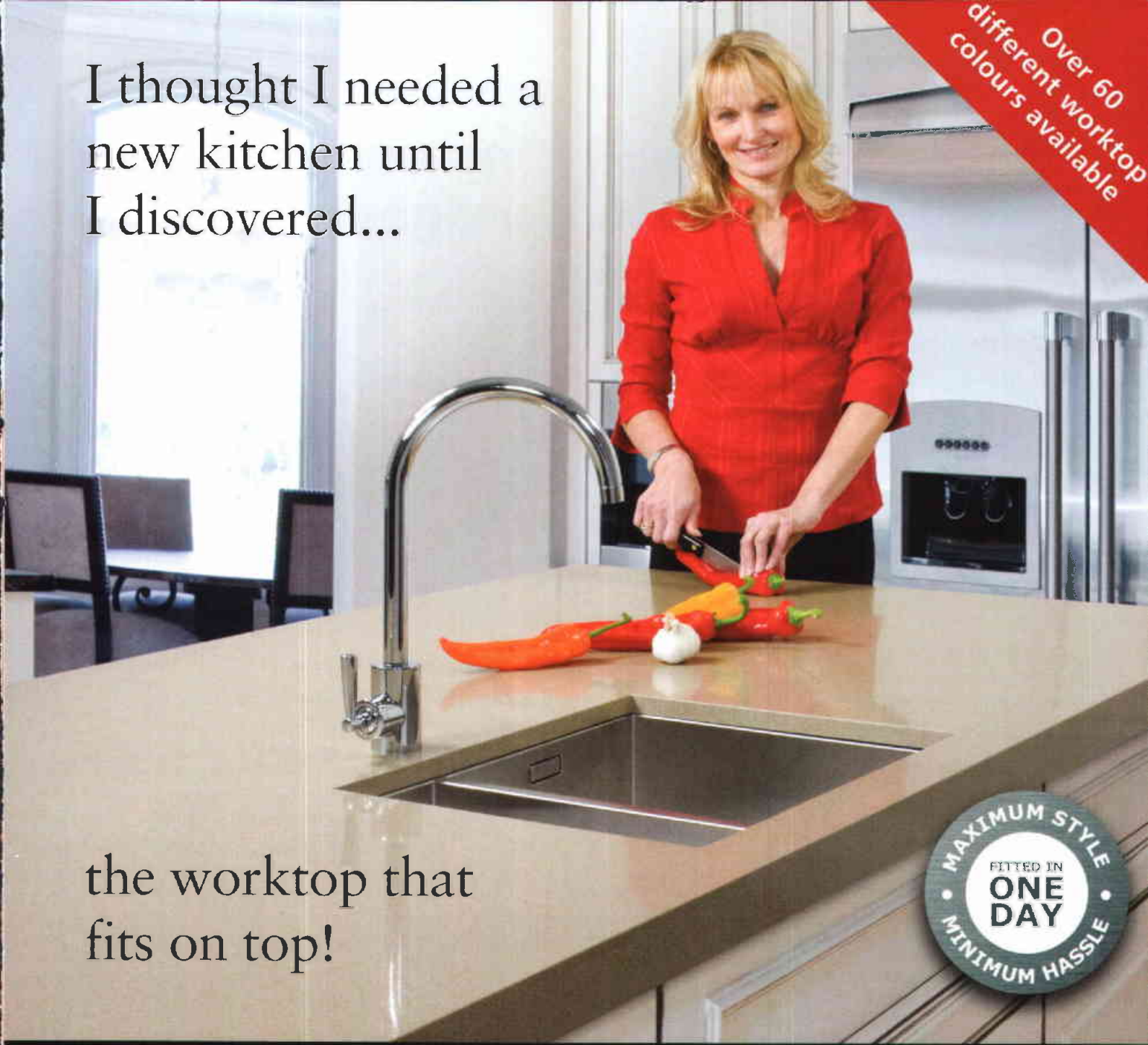

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Work starts on updating development plans for South Cambridgeshire

Over the last few years we've agreed a series of plans as part of our Local Development Framework to set out the development strategy and identify sites for housing and other development for the period to 2016

Key elements of that strategy are major growth sites on the edge of Cambridge and the new town of Northstowe.

These plans need to be kept up to date and look far enough ahead to ensure that homes and businesses can be built when they are needed.

As we start to recover from the recession, now is the right time to review our plans to take us forward to 2031 and ensure that South Cambridgeshire remains a successful place for existing and future residents to live and work.

South Cambridgeshire has always been a thriving area for business, and in recent times the growth in high technology and associated industries has been crucial to our district's economic success. Encouraging new businesses and other employment development improves both the local and wider economy and it's important that we make sure that we continue to have the right strategy and policies for the future to ensure this success continues.

The new plan, to be called the South Cambridgeshire Development Plan, will confirm which sites already identified for housing and employment are still able to come forward, as well as identifying new development sites. Early work is in hand on the evidence we need to help us create the right policies.

• New housing development at Orchard Park

During the summer we'll be issuing a 'call for sites', asking landowners and parish councils to let us know if they have land that they hope to develop for housing. This initial work will test possible sites for new housing. See our website for further details.

We'll be consulting widely in the summer of 2012, including with our local communities, on the issues and options that need to be considered in the new plan.

Planning for Gypsy and Traveller sites

We will be responding to new draft Government guidance on how we should plan for Gypsy and Traveller sites. We will be consulting on the next stage of our Gypsy and Traveller Development Plan Document in the autumn.

For more information on planning policy issues go to www.scambs.gov.uk/ldf or contact the planning policy team on (01954) 713183

Residential Travel Plans

Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) is drafting new guidance on preparing Residential Travel Plans (RTP) which will accompany planning applications for major housing developments.

A RTP is a package of measures looking to minimise the need to travel and encouraging walking and cycling, use of public transport, car sharing and car clubs.

CCC plan to consult on the draft guidance later in the summer - see their website for more information http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/environment/sustainabletravel/residentialtravelplans.htm

Growth sites update

North West Cambridge
Cambridge University is hoping to submit an outline planning application for its development at north - west Cambridge, a site split between South Cambridgeshire District and Cambridge City Councils, this summer. The Councils and University continue to meet to discuss a range of issues relating to the development, including transport and how the impact of the development on the A14 might be lessened.

NIAB 2
The NIAB 2 site is within the district, adjacent to the NIAB 1 site situated in Cambridge city. Progressing both sites to meet the housing needs of our communities rely on issues around the A14 being resolved.

Orchard Park
Over 600 homes at Orchard Park are now occupied. The primary school is open and the Community Centre handed over to Orchard Park Community Council. The Premier Inn Hotel is open and planning permission has been granted for another hotel. Discussions continue to progress the development of the local centre, public open spaces and more homes.

Cambourne 950
Outline planning permission for 950 extra homes in Upper Cambourne was granted last year. This includes extensions to Cambourne Hub and Church, land and phase 1 of the youth building, enhanced pavilion, enhanced Local Equipped Area of Play and a new Neighbourhood Area of Play.

Northstowe
The Joint Promoters are working to refresh the masterplan for Northstowe and have met with local councillors to listen to views. More news will be available in the coming months.

For more information contact tracy.mann@scambs.gov.uk

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Fulbourn Celebrates - One day in June
Sunday 19 June

A day of free live music, circus, storytelling, painting, walks, poetry and more. Venues include Pound Green (opposite the War Memorial, Manor Walk), The Fulbourn Centre, Home End and The Swifts. **www.fulbournarts.org** or contact lynne.olney@btinternet.com

Fen Edge Family Fun Festival
Thursday 23 – Sunday 26 June, Cottenham and Willingham

Free festival including local craft / produce market, concerts, theatre workshop, live music, Bob Flowerdew of Gardeners' Question Time, medieval re-enactment, archaeological dig and much more. **www.fenedgefestival.co.uk**

Melbourn Music on the Moor and Village Fete
Saturday 25 June, 1pm

Including the best of local acoustic bands. **www.melbournfete.co.uk**

Horningsea

The Cluzion Club is based at the Plough and Fleece, Horningsea, **www.cluzionmusic.org.uk**

Saturday 25 June - Tom Canning at the Plough and Fleece - 8pm

Saturday 2 July - Bert Santilly's Summer Accordion Concert, Village Hall, 7.30pm

Monday 3 July - Photographic exhibition, St Peter's Church, 2-5pm - Good Christian Folk, music and poetry, St Peter's Church, 7.30pm

Saturday 9 July - Art exhibition, Village Hall

Sunday 10 July - The Tempest, Riverbank behind the orchards

Friday 22 - Sunday 24 July - Greenstage

Cambourne Extreme Youth Fest
Saturday 9 July, Back Lane sports pitches, Great Cambourne

Free festival that includes a number of exciting activities including the original Wall of Death, Zorbing and a human table football, plus many more. Visit **www.cambournesoul.org.uk** for more.

Can you dance, sing or DJ?
Contact David mcewancox@sky.com to take part in Extreme Factor

Histon Feast
Friday 1 – Monday 11 July

Packed programme of music and entertainment. **www.histon-feast.co.uk**. Join in the parade on Sunday 3 July

Shelford Feast
Monday 4 – Sunday 10 July

Summer Music at St Mary's Church, a Comedy Night with Jason Cook, Split Whiskers and the Silverbacks, Macca and 21st Century Stones, Big 10 Ska, Sawston Youth Drama and more. **www.shelfordfeast.co.uk**

Milton Country Park
Sunday 24 July, 12-4pm

Parklife - Celebrating one year until the Olympics. If you're part of a music, dance or carnival group and would like to perform contact amy@start-arts.org.uk

Milton Country Park

Wednesday 27 July, 7pm
Taming of the Shrew

Thursday 11 August, 3pm
Snow White
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The Visitor Centre 01223 420060
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www.seetickets.com

Saturday 20 and Sunday 21 August, 10am-4pm
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Cambourne Festival of Music Arts and Culture
11-14 August

Thursday – Indian night

Friday – barn dance

Saturday - drumming workshops

Saturday afternoon – 'open mic' music session

Saturday evening – Salsa night

Sunday – exhibition of art; art and craft market

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